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TITLE OF INVENTION: SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE ARRANGEMENT WITH A JUNCTION REGION BETWEEN SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE STRUCTURES HAVING STRUCTURES HAVING A DECREASING THEN INCREASING FINGER PERIOD

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The patent term adjustment to date is 0 days. If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the term adjustment will be 0 days.

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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of this application.
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

☒ This communication is responsive to the Preliminary Amndt + Proposed Draw Corr. Received 4/27/01.
☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-30

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on 4/27/01, which has been approved by the examiner.

☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this notice should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for the Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE/COMMENTS

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James D. Hobart on March 12, 2002.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: Figs. 1, 2, and 4(a) need to be labeled "Prior Art". Regarding Figs. 1 and 2, see e.g. the specification at page 6, lines 34-37, and regarding Fig. 4(a), see e.g. the specification at page 8, lns. 25-27. Copies of Figs. 1, 2, and 4(a) with the agreed upon changes marked in red ink are attached. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding the prior art of record cited on the PCT search report, the reasons for allowance are as stated in the provided translation of the International Preliminary Examination

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Report. Regarding the other prior art references cited herein by the Examiner (see list below), whereas the prior art teaches varying the finger period within surface acoustic wave (SAW) structures, it fails to teach a "junction region" from a first to a second SAW structure with "the local finger period of the first surface acoustic wave structure initially decreasing continuously in the junction region and finally rising continuously again until the finger period of the second surface acoustic wave structure is reached" (see claim 16, the last 5 lines thereof).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Comments

The Specification and Claims:

4. It should be noted that the following changes have been made globally by the Examiner (i.e. by Informal Examiner's Amendment) to correct obvious translation-related typographical errors:

On page 2 of the specification, on each of lines 17 and 18, note that "red" has been changed to --rot--.

The same change has been made at page 4, line 32; page 10, line 1; and in claim 26, on line 2 (both occurrences).

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Apparently "rot" translates from German to English as --red--. However, where "rot" is used in a piezoelectric substrate specification, for example, "42^o rot YX-LiTaO₃" (see the original German PCT application at page 2, line 16), it is indicating a "rotation" angle which should remain as "rot" and not be translated literally.

The Title:

5. It should be noted that the Title of the Invention has been changed to:

--SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE ARRANGEMENT WITH A JUNCTION
REGION BETWEEN SURFACE ACOUSTIC WAVE STRUCTURES
HAVING A DECREASING THEN INCREASING FINGER PERIOD--

(see e.g. the last 5 lines of claim 16).

The Prior Art:

6. The references cited on the PCT search report have been included on the accompanying form PTO-892 to indicate that they have been considered. Copies are not being sent to Applicants.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicants' disclosure.

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Kato et al. U.S. 5,256,927 [see e.g. Fig. 1(a)]; Lewis et al. GB 2 160 048 (see e.g. Figs. 5A, 5B, and 5C); and Yamanouchi et al. EP 0 579 871 (see Fig. 1) each disclose SAW transducers with increasing or decreasing periods.

Fleischmann DE 41 26 335 discloses a SAW resonator with a "continuously changing geometry period" in the edge region of the reflectors (see the abstract, the last six lines thereof).

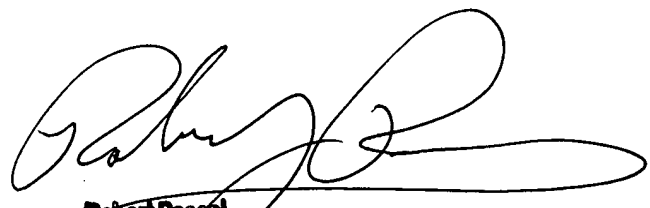
Matsuda et al. JP 11-88112 discloses a SAW resonator with the period of the reflectors varying "at random" (see the abstract, the last five lines thereof and Fig. 1).

Takagi et al. JP 10-335966 discloses a SAW transducer with the finger period in the center being different from the finger period of both sides (see Fig. 1 and the abstract, the last eight lines thereof).

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Barbara Summons at telephone number (703) 308-4947, FAX no. (703) 308-7724, receptionist's no. (703) 308-0956.

March 12, 2002 : BSummons

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corrections to Figs 1, 2 & 4(a)

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FIG 1
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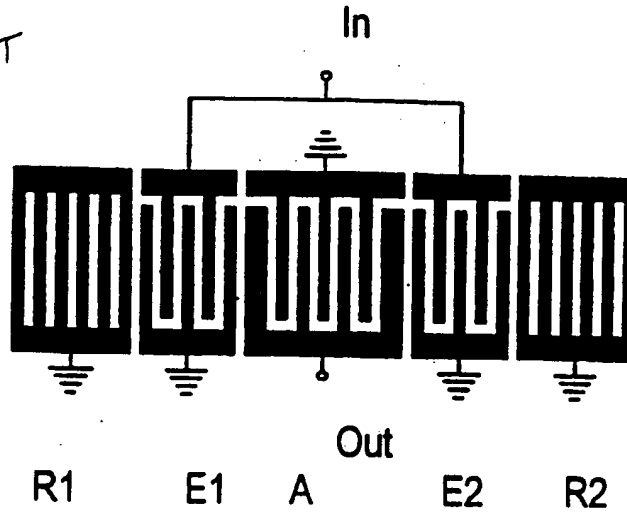
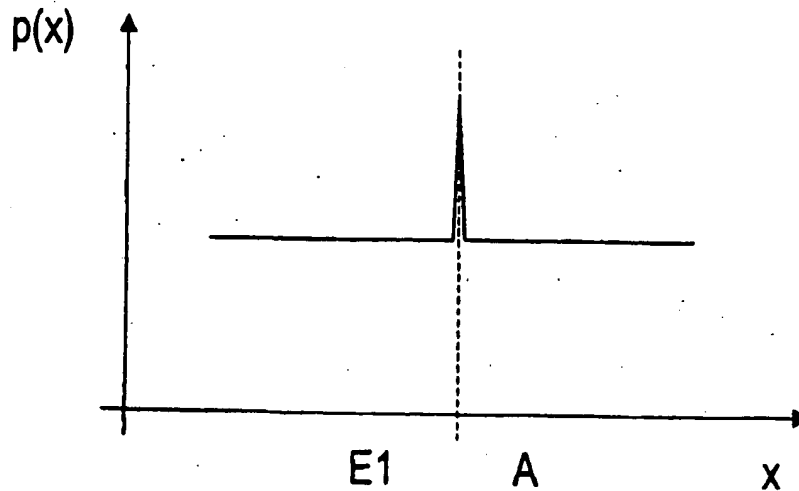


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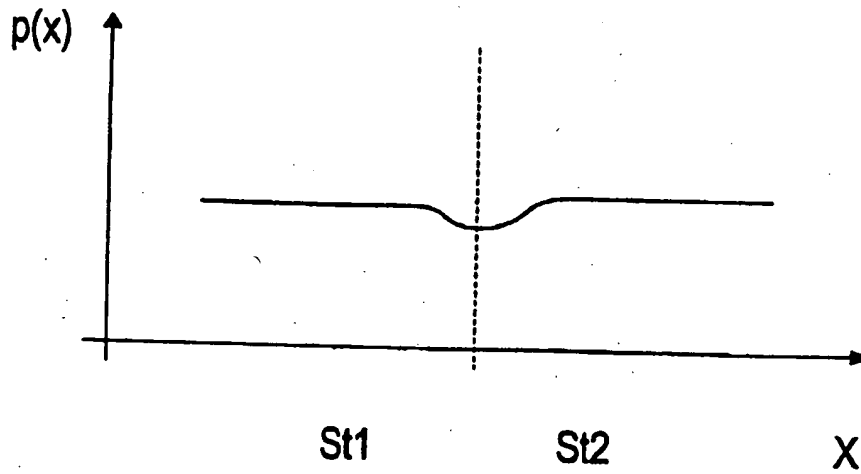
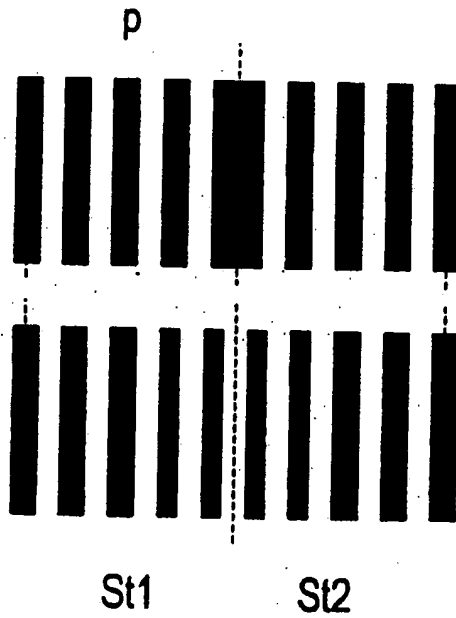
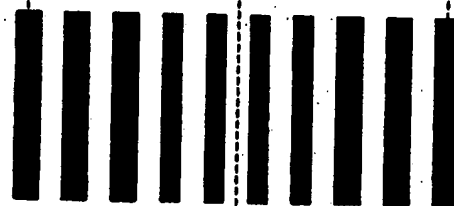
~~FIG 4~~FIG 4 a)
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FIG 4 b)



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